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KITCHEN, et al. :
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Filed: Concurrently herewith :
For: BILL AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION AND BILLING INFORMATION REQUEST

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is directed to the accompanying 37 CFR 1.53(b) application, which is a continuation of the above referenced application. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read "DUAL MODE ELECTRONIC BILL AVAILABILITY NOTICING AND PAYMENT".

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a continuation of pending Application Serial No. 09/867,587, filed May 31, 2001, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/034,561, filed March 3, 1998, now United States Patent Number 6,289,322.--